

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/455,991

Applicant(s)

OHTANI ET AL.

Examiner

José R Díaz

Art Unit

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) José R Díaz.

(3) Ms. Fujimoto.

(2) William Hughes (Reg. No. 46,112).

(4) Mr. Murata

(5) Mr. Sunagawa.

Date of Interview: 13 April 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 6-12, 14-16, 18, 20, 21 and 23-71.

Identification of prior art discussed: Applicant's admitted prior art and Zhang et al. (US 5,529,937).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussion focused over the prior art presented in the last Office action. Claim language was suggested. The examiner suggests to further define the location and characteristic of the dummy metal regions. However, such claim language and arguments will be fully considered when file as a response to the last Office action.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

JEROME JACKSON
EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required